

Abstract of the Disclosure

An order and inventory management system includes a hand-held data entry terminal having a display and input buttons. The display shows table and seat locations and a restaurant menu. The input buttons enable a waiter to select a table and seat location and to
5 select food items ordered by a patron at the selected location. The order is transmitted to a remote host computer where it is routed to respective food and drink terminals for order fulfillment and to a billing terminal for bill printing. The host computer includes a database having a plurality of product records, each record having a menu price, inventory quantity, and vendor identifier associated with a respective restaurant product. Upon receipt of an order, the
10 host computer modifies the quantity of ordered products and automatically delivers a signal to a respective vendor via a network connection to order an additional quantity, if necessary.